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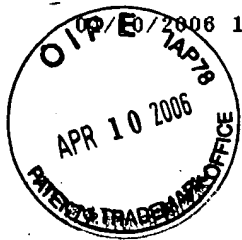
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Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing the above-identified application. In the Notice of Allowability dated February 6, 2006, the prior art has been characterized with respect to the various independent claims of the subject application. However, Applicant wishes to clarify that independent claims 1, 5, 11, 21, 32, 36, 40, 41, 49, and 50 are allowable for what they recite.

In particular, according to the Notice of Allowability, with respect to independent claims 32, 36, and 40, the prior art does not disclose or suggest a method, system or computer readable medium for collecting signals from a detector, the detector having a plurality of image elements, each of which having a transistor gate to send a control signal to select transistor gate for two or more image elements from which signals are to be collected and to simultaneously pass the signals from the image element lines to charge amplifiers coupled to the image elements. However, Applicant wishes to clarify that claims 32, 36, and 40 do not recite a transistor gate that sends a control signal. As such, claims 32, 36, and 40 are allowable for what they recite.

Further, according to the Notice of Allowability, with respect to independent claims 41, 49, and 50, the prior art does not disclose or suggest a method, a system or computer readable medium

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for collecting signals from a detector, the detector comprising a plurality of imagers where each imager comprises a plurality of lines of image elements and where the system comprises a means for collecting signals from the imagers and simultaneously passing the signals on each of the plurality of imagers to charge the amplifier. However, Applicant wishes to clarify that claims 41, 49, and 50 do not recite "means for collecting signals from the imagers." Also, these claims recite "charge amplifiers" and not "to charge the amplifier." As such, claims 41, 49, and 50 are allowable for what they recite.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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